

St Christopher's Church Services

May 2011

Sunday 1st	10.00am All Age Service of the Word	Reading John 20: 19-31 Topic <i>Missing Lines</i> Led by Revd J Tonkin Preacher Revd J Tonkin
Thursday 5 th 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 8th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings 1 Peter 1: 17-23 and Luke 24: 13-35 Topic <i>Getting to know</i> Led by Revd A McCullough Preacher Revd A McCullough
with prayer for healing		
5-6.30pm Tea, chat and pray at the Cavill's (75 Belvoir Drive))		
Thursday 12 th 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 15th	10.00am Service of the Word	Readings Acts 2: 42-47 and John 10: 1-10 Topic <i>A Firm Foundation</i> Led by Dr P Cavill Preacher Mr B Ling
Thursday 19 th 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 22nd	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings 1 Peter 2: 2-10 and John 14: 1-14 Topic <i>Building Blocks</i> Led by Revd J Tonkin Preacher Revd J Tonkin
Thursday 26 th 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 29th	10.00am All Age Service of the Word	Reading 1 Peter 3: 13-22 Topic <i>Safe Places</i> Led by Revd A McCullough Preacher Revd A McCullough
Half-term No Craft Café or Little Angels this week		

Diary Dates for May

- Wednesday 4th - Academy re-opens after Easter closure
- Wednesday 4th - LIFE meeting (Leicestershire Exploring Fresh Expressions) at Phoenix 7.30-9.30pm
- Thursday 5th - Standing Committee at Alison's 6pm
- Tuesday 17th - 'Pray for Schools' event at St C's - evening
- Tuesday 17th - MSM course - 7.30pm at St Martin's House
- Wednesday 18th - Prayer meeting - 7.45pm at Jenny's
- Tuesday 24th - PCC in church 7.45pm
- Thursday 26th - Open Chapter meeting - clergy & licensed laity on 20:20 Vision
- Monday 30th - Launde Abbey official opening
- 28th May - 5th June - Half-term holiday.

Prayer Topics

Pray for:

- Pam, Brian, Amanda and Steph
- Tish and Ben's mums
- the Middle East and North Africa; and those affected by disaster in Japan
- the elections and referendum on May 5th
- Alison starting her sabbatical in the Holy Land
- Aphro, John, Paul, Jordan, Rob, Steve, Mo and others as they oversee St C's while Alison's away and do extra work

Regular Activities

There will be no morning prayer during the summer term

Little Angels

Mondays and Fridays
9.15-11.15am (term-time)

Coffee Break

refreshments from 11am
lunch from 12noon
followed by Communion at 1pm
finished by 2pm

Scouts Thursdays

Aged 10½+ - 6.15-8pm
Aged 14+ - 7.15-9pm

For further details ring Roger on
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Revd Alison Roche
(Vicar)

Alison will be on sabbatical from Saturday 7th May until 6th August.

Revd Jordan Ling
(Curate)

Jordan is on maternity leave, until the 6th June.

Mo Fisher

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Mission for the Month
Crosslinks Focus on China

Having seen formerly "stable" governments toppled by mass movements in Egypt and Tunisia, China is reacting strongly to any hint of a revolution.

The recent roundup of more than 100 Chinese worshippers trying to hold an outdoor prayer service in Beijing suggests that the government crackdown on activists, bloggers and intellectuals has extended to Christian groups.

This latest incident comes at a time when the Chinese authorities appear to be putting pressure on all kinds of real and potential opposition to the government. Tens of thousands of uniformed and plain-clothes police have been deployed to disperse any potential crowds.

The Christians arrested belong to the Shouwang 'house' church. It has about 1,000 members, and has been meeting in the open air, since facing difficulties in finding a permanent meeting place. Until last month, worshippers met in a restaurant, but this venue was closed and since then the church has made three attempts to rent a new venue - all of which have been blocked by the government. Church leaders sought to reassure officials that their gatherings pose no threat to public security.

Give thanks that the church in China continues to grow despite opposition and pray for that God will raise up a new generation of leaders to see the fast-growing church in China established and strengthened.

Vicar's comment:

I wasn't sure what to write this month but a number of people asked more specifically what I'm getting up to on my sabbatical so I thought I'd give you an outline calendar of my whereabouts.

9-28th May: Holy Land with the Amos Trust; 8-10th June: Awesome (women clergy) conference @ Launde Abbey; 24-26th June: volunteering at the Solas Christian Arts Festival (a Scottish version of Greenbelt); 10th July: observing General Synod in York; and 11-18th July: silent Ignatian retreat at Loyola Hall near Manchester.

In between all those set dates, I'll be reading something for my spiritual growth, having a few singing lessons for the first time, walking, and trying to do something creative every day. I am also hoping to visit a number of churches in similar areas to St. Christopher's around the country, including churches that I used to belong to, to make comparisons and see what new things I can learn. A clergy sabbatical is supposed to have some pay-offs for the clergyperson's church too - I hope therefore you will all benefit from things that God teaches me during this time but also, if you would like me to reflect on particular things especially while I'm visiting other churches, do let me know before the 7th May.

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